

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 23 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S8773–S8870**

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3074–3085. **Pages S8822–23**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 4986, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provisions relating to foreign sales corporations (FSCs) and to exclude extraterritorial income from gross income, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–416) **Page S8822**

**Legislative/Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations Conference Report:** By 28 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate failed to agree to the conference report on H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages S8788–S8800**

Subsequently, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was defeated was entered. **Page S8800**

**H–1B Nonimmigrant Visa:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens. **Pages S8800–06**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed on Thursday, September 21, 2000.

**Intercountry Adoption Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2909, to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8866**

**Treaties Approved:** The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up

to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Convention On Protection of Children and Co-operation In Respect of Intercountry Adoption, with six declarations (Treaty Doc. 105–51) **Pages S8866–67**

Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines, with two understandings, two declarations, and two provisos (Treaty Doc. 106–8) **Pages S8866–67**

Food Aid Convention 1999, with three declarations and one proviso (Treaty Doc. 106–8) **Pages S8866–67**

Inter-American Convention on Sea Turtles, with three understandings, five declarations, and two provisos (Treaty Doc. 105–48) **Pages S8866–68**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total–253) **Page S8800**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 21, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8868.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOOD SAFETY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine certain measures the Food Safety and Inspection Service and Food and Drug Administration are taking to improve food safety, modernize regulations, and utilize resources, in order to achieve the greatest possible reduction in the risk of microbial contamination and foodborne illness and maintain consumer confidence, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Joseph A. Levitt, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, and Stephen M. Ostroff, Associate Director for Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Michael P. Doyle, University of Georgia Center for Food Safety and Quality Enhancement, Griffin, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology; Dane Bernard, National Food Processors Association, Gary M. Weber, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Richard Levinson, American Public Health Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Donna M. Garren, United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ann Hollingsworth, American Meat Science Association, Carrollton, Georgia, on behalf of the American Meat Institute.

### ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the national and global problem of antimicrobial resistance, after receiving testimony from Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Jeffrey P. Koplan, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; F. E. Thompson, Jr., Mississippi Department of Health, Jackson, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Merle A. Sande, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City; Alice M. Clark, University of Mississippi National Center for the Development of Natural Products, University; Mark L. Nelson, Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; and Martin

Rosenberg, Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3059, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require motor vehicle manufacturers and motor vehicle equipment manufacturers to obtain information and maintain records about potential safety defects in their foreign products that may affect the safety of vehicles and equipment in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2070, to improve safety standards for child restraints in motor vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1941, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2029, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made, with amendments;

S. Res. 344, expressing the sense of the Senate that the proposed merger of United Airlines and US Airways is inconsistent with the public interest and public convenience and necessity policy set forth in section 40101 of title 49, United States Code;

S. 876, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that the broadcast of violent video programming be limited to hours when children are not reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David Z. Plavin, of New York, and Arthenia L. Joyner, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and certain promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Transportation.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River, with amendments;

S. 1756, to enhance the ability of the National Laboratories to meet Department of Energy missions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2919, to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio;

H.R. 3236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes;

S. 1848, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2400, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, with an amendment;

S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, with an amendment;

H.R. 1680, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2111, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey for fair market value 1.06 acres of land in the San Bernardino National Forest, California, to KATY 101.3 FM, a California corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2547, to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2301, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and

reuse of water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2163, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes;

S. 1697, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2195, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2350, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2877, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 2882, to authorize Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3023, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry;

S. 2757, to provide for the transfer or other disposition of certain lands at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington, with amendments;

H.R. 4579, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah;

H.R. 4063, to establish the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, with amendments;

S. 2331, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort

Sumter National Monument, South Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2345, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study concerning the preservation and public use of sites associated with Harriet Tubman located in Auburn, New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4115, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum;

S. 2848, to provide for a land exchange to benefit the Pecos National Historical Park in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H. Con. Res. 89, recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage;

H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln, with an amendment;

S. 2749, to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the setting of the western portion of the United States;

S. 2885, to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment;

S. 2950, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site in the State of Colorado, with amendments;

S. 2959, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992, with an amendment;

S. 3000, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2873, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States;

S. 1331, to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land in the county, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4275, to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness;

S. 2691, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 2977, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles;

S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia;

S. 2865, to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness;

H.R. 4285, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas, to convey certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center;

H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; and

S. 3022, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1093, to establish the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Protection Sites, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin of New Mexico, H.R. 3676, to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California, and H.R. 359, to clarify the intent of Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance and operation of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated in that Public Law, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## EVERGLADES WATER QUALITY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to improve the quality, quantity, timing, and distribution of water in the South Florida ecosystem, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and David B. Struhs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee.

**VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings to examine the antitrust implications of entertainment industry self-regulation, and the constitutionality of government action to assist the entertainment industry in limiting the exposure of youth to explicit sex, violence, and other harmful material in music, movies, and video games, receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; and Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2829, to provide for an investigation and audit at the Department of Education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2341, to authorize appropriations for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to achieve full funding for part B of that Act by 2010;

S. Con. Res. 135, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975;

S. 2725, to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service;

S. 1495, to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2731, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to enhance the Nation's capacity to address public health threats and emergencies, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Mark D. Gearan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Leslie Beth Kramerich, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Seymour Martin Lipset, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, and Mark S. Wrighton, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 5217–5235 and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 583–585 were introduced.

**Pages H7931–32**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows.

Conference report on H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–868); and

H.R. 3067, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, amended (H. Rept. 106–870);

S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir (H. Rept. 106–871);

H.R. 3100, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made, amended (H. Rept. 106–872);

H. Res. 583, waiving points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area (H. Rept. 106–873);

H. Res. 584, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–874); and

H. Res. 585, providing for consideration of H.R. 5109, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration (H. Rept. 106–875).

**Page H7931**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

**Page H7873**

**Small Business Competition Preservation Act:** The House passed H.R. 4945, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen existing protections for

small business participation in the Federal procurement contracting process by a ye and nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 482.

Pages H7876–85

Agreed to H. Res. 582, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Page H7876

**Chandler Pumping Plant Water Exchange Feasibility Study:** The House passed H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 483 (the House failed to pass the bill under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, September 19).

Pages H7885–88

Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

Page H7885

Agreed to H. Res. 581, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. Page H7885

**HHS, Education, and Related Agencies—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Agreed to divide the question on the Obey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001. Subsequently, by voice vote, agreed to the first division to insist on the highest funding level possible for the Department of Education. And, by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 484, agreed to the second division to instruct conferees to insist on disagreeing with provisions in the Senate amendment which denies the President's request for dedicated resources to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for local school construction and, instead, broadly expands the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of the funds.

Pages H7888–97

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7885, H7888, and H7897. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT—USDA PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Inspector General's report on USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and the Urban Partnership Programs. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

### PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Held a hearing on H.R. 5122, Patient Protection Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Thomas Croft, Director, Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Human Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gloria Crawford Henderson, Director, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

### POTENTIAL ENERGY CRISIS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### REEXAMINATION—DC'S CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES RECEIVERSHIP

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Best Interests of the Child? A Reexamination of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Receivership, Part 1. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Ernestine F. Jones, General Receiver, Child and Family Services; Carolyn Graham, Deputy Mayor, Children, Youth and Families; and Grace Lopes, Special Counsel, Receivership and Institution Litigation; and Linda Mouzon, Executive Director, Social Services Administration, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland.

### OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Oversight of the Defense Security Service: How Big is the Backlog of Personnel Security Investigations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald Mancuso, Acting Inspector General; Gen. Charles Cunningham, USAF, (Ret.) Director, Defense Security Service; and J. William Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Security and Information Operations, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; and Carol R. Shuster, Associate Director, National Security International Affairs Division, GAO.

### FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Fight Against Corruption: The Unfinished Agenda. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**UN PEACEKEEPING**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on United Nations Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4548, amended, Agricultural Opportunities Act; H.R. 604, amended, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization; H.R. 5136, to make permanent the authority of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to provide security beyond the Supreme Court building and grounds; H.R. 4827, amended, Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000; H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999; H.R. 3312, amended, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999; H.R. 1924, amended, Federal Agency Compliance Act; and H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 5018, Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 2000.

Will continue September 26.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: S. 1653, amended, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1999; S. 1936, amended, Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 2570, Lincoln Highway Study Act of 1999; H.R. 2710, amended, National Law Enforcement Museum Act; H.R. 2941, amended, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4126, Palace of the Governors Expansion Act; H.R. 4187, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles; H.R. 4503, amended, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 4721, amended, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 4828, amended, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of 2000; H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the

George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia; H.R. 4904, amended, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians; H.R. 5036, Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments Act of 2000; and H.R. 5130, amended, CALFED Extension Act of 2000.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4919, Security Assistance Act of 2000, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman.

**LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT—CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 1999. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. Testimony was heard from Representative Sherwood.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 5109, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 2000. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, which shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Stump.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D853)

H.R. 4040, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to

Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of such title. Signed September 19, 2000. (P.L. 106–265)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Special Committee on Aging*, with the Committee on Small Business, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefit guaranty corporation delivery for retirees, 8 a.m., SD–562.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions, 3 p.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on the recruiting initiatives of the Department of Defense and the military services and to receive an update on the status of recruiting and retention goals, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to hold hearings on global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 2933, to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the EPA's proposed regulations for diesel fuel, 10:15 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance*, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the renewal of distressed communities, to provide for 9 additional empowerment zones and increased tax incentives for empowerment zone development, to encourage investments in new markets, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings on certain anti-corruption efforts relating to African economic development, 3 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine Iranian proliferation, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting to consider S. 1898, to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners; H.R. 2372, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution; S. 1020, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts; S. Res. 304, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs; S. 2448, to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States; H.R. 2442, to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President; S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts; S. 785, for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier; S. 2778, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; and S. 1314, to establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Small Business*, with the Special Committee on Aging, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefit guaranty corporation delivery for retirees, 8 a.m., SD–562.

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*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Defense chemical agents and munitions destruction program, 9 a.m.; and a hearing on the status of military procurement, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Credit Score Disclosure, focusing on H.R. 2856, Fair Credit Full Disclosure Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on the recent Firestone tire recall action, focusing on the action as it pertains to relevant Ford vehicles, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.



Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 5164, Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation Act, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing on the National and Economic Importance of Improved Math-Science Education and H.R. 4272, National Science Education Enhancement Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, to continue hearings on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000, 12:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on "The Federal Workers' Compensation Program: Are Injured Federal Workers Being Treated Fairly?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to consider pending business, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4899, the Asian Pacific Charter Commission Act of 2000; the International Food Relief Partnership Act; a measure to reauthorize certain provisions of the Export Administration Act; H.R. 2166, Bear Protection Act of 1999; and H. Con. Res. 328, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the September 6, 2000, militia attack on United Nations refugee workers in West Timor and calling for an end to militia violence in East and West Timor; H. Res. 577, to honor the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for its role as a protector of the world's refugees, to celebrate UNHCR's 50th anniversary, and to praise the High Commissioner Sadako Ogata for her work with UNHCR for the past ten years; and H. Res. 398, United States Training on and Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide Resolution, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Implementing Plan Colombia: The U.S. Role, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, oversight hearing on the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General's September 2000 Report titled: "An Investigation of Misconduct and Mismanagement at ICITAP, OPDAT, and the Criminal Division's Office of Administration," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the Impact of the Mentally Ill on the Criminal Justice System, 1:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 675, Beryllium Exposure Compensation Act; H.R. 3418, Energy Employees' Beryllium Compensation Act; H.R. 3478, Federal Beryllium Compensation Act; H.R. 3495, Department of Energy Nuclear Employees Exposure Compensation Act; H.R. 4263, Atomic Workers' Compensation Act; and H.R. 4398, Energy Employees Occupational Illness and Compensation Act of 2000, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4789, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office Reauthorization Act of 2000; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to honor Dr. Nancy Foster; and H.R. 5133, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Improvement Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Future of the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Government and Industry Plans with respect to Stage 4 Commercial Aircraft, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on information technology program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Global Aging Crisis, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Intelligence Authorization Legislative Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, H-1B Nonimmigrant Visa.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, September 21

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4919, Defense and Security Assistance Act;

Consideration of a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, Establishment of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area; and

Consideration of H.R. 5109, Veterans Health Administration. Personnel System Improvements.

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